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25X1  1. On 14 December 1950 between 1:30 and 4:15 p.m. about 40 to 50 twin-engine aircraft with double rudder assemblies and in-line engines were parked in a row in front of the hangars of the Werneuchen (N 53/V 06) airfield. (1) There was no flying although the weather was favorable.

2. Several large containers were seen in a small clearing north of the field and tank-like containers were seen on the southwestern edge of the field. (2) In the woods north of the clearing were three or four poles with rungs and red fixtures on top, which were probably obstacle lights. An ammunition dump consisting of two temporary buildings without windows was in the woods about 500 to 800 meters north of the field. The dump was surrounded by a wire fence. Red fire extinguishers were fitted on the temporary buildings. (3) Additional ammunition dumps are believed to exist at the Werneuchen airfield.

3. The barracks building in the road fork southwest of the field was not occupied, but a guard detail is believed to be quartered there. Many Soviet officers went to the quarters south of the field. They wore golden epaulets with blue stripes or silver epaulets with blue stripes. Trucks  loaded with about 15 bombs, moved toward the field. The bombs, about 1.3 meters long, were packed in crates, five of them in a row and with their tails upward. Their fins had a narrow band around them.

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4. On 16 December, 38 twin-engine aircraft with double rudder assemblies were parked in front of the hangars at the field. (1) At 8:30 a.m. nine aircraft taxied to the take-off point in the eastern section of the field where a radio truck and three tank trucks were parked. Take-offs and landings were practiced individually until 3 p.m. at intervals of 10 minutes. The crews were exchanged after each flight. The weather was cloudy and the visibility was about 1 km. Three of the aircraft used for flying had two cockpits in tandem, but no other distinguishing features. (4)

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5. Three planes took off in formation at 1:45 p.m. Later a fourth plane with a sleeve target took off and flew in front of the other three. The aircraft returned to the field about 3 p.m. and landed individually.

6. The barracks buildings on the southern edge of the field were occupied by about 1,000 men, as was inferred from the lighted windows. Only truck [redacted] entered the barracks during day-time. Sentries were seen at the main gate and in front of the hangars. No patrols were seen on the landing field although flights were made. One sentry was posted in front of the nearly empty barracks located in the road fork on the southwestern section of the field.

7. Work was being done at the construction site on the northern section of the field. It appeared that new railroad spur tracks and loading ramps were being constructed. (5)

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## [redacted] Comments.

(1) The number and type of aircraft, PE-2s, have not changed as compared with the observations of November 1950. [redacted] 25X1  
 [redacted] Two bomber regiments are believed to be stationed in Werneuchen. Division headquarters of the three bomber regiments stationed in Strausberg and Werneuchen is probably also stationed there.

(2) The fuel dump was recently established. [redacted] previously reported that four fuel containers the size of railroad tank cars have arrived there. [redacted] 25X1  
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(3) The temporary buildings of the ammunition dump were erected in September 1950. [redacted] 25X1

(4) The plane is a version of the PE-2. The type designation and the special utilization of the plane are not known.

(5) The construction work was previously reported by [redacted] To date, work on enlarging the landing field or building a concrete runway has not started.

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